

Conversation Questions

Poverty

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- What do you think about people receiving welfare?
 - Should the government fund the welfare system?
 - What do you think about people who work for cash and receive welfare as well?
 - Do you feel sorry for people who live on the street?
 - Are people who live on the street necessarily lazy?
 - Have you ever talked to a homeless person?
 - Are there homeless people in your country?
 - Have you ever helped a homeless person? How?
 - How does the government in your country support the homeless?
 - What do you think of countries that do not have a welfare system?
 - Why do people end up being homeless?
 - Have you ever visited a homeless shelter?
 - Have you ever donated to the food bank?
 - Have you ever thought about going to the food bank?
 - Do you know anyone who has gone to church for food?
 - Do you believe that the rich are growing richer, and the poor are growing poorer?
 - Should governments invest money in space missions or welfare?
 - Would you eliminate the welfare system?
 - Do you think it's okay for the government to keep decreasing the welfare amount?
 - How long should someone receive welfare? Forever?
 - What is a good reason for someone to receive welfare?
 - What punishment would you give someone who is on welfare illegally, but has lots of money?
 - Would you report welfare fraud to the police, even if it were a close friend?
 - Should welfare recipients receive free housing?
 - Shouldn't all people work for a living?
 - Do you think the government should create jobs for the homeless, instead of just giving them money?
 - Would you pay more taxes, if this would eliminate poverty by creating jobs for everyone?
 - What do you think of governments who put the homeless in jails or even torture or kill them?
 - Will there always be poverty in the world?
 - Should countries send troops to foreign countries to fight terrorism, or should governments fight poverty around the world instead?
 - Are there more important issues than poverty? If so, name them in order of importance.
 - Why does every country in the world have poor people?
 - Do you consider yourself to be poor, middle-class, or rich?
 - What country do you think has the best record for helping its poor?
 - What country do you think has the worst record for helping its poor?
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If you can think of another good question for this list, please [add it](#).

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